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SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR PREVIEWS COMMENTS OF THE NINE ON US CSCE
POSITION

GENEVA FOR CSCE DEL

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR DE ROSE CAME TO SEE RUMSFELD DURING AFTERNOON
OF JULY 16, COMMENTING THAT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE NINE, HE WISHED TO
CONDUCT CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE ATLANTIC
DECLARATION, AND PROCEEDED TO DESCRIBE THE NINE'S REACTION TO THE
U.S. PAPER ON CSCE (MADRID 4339).

2. DE ROSE SAID THAT THE NINE BELIEVED THAT THERE WAS A CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF AGREEMENT ON WHAT THE SITUATION IS AND WHAT ARE THE
IMPORTANT POINTS IN CSCE. THERE WERE CERTAIN DIFFERENCES NOT ON
WHAT SHOULD BE DONE BUT ON THE TIMING OF DECISIONS ON WHAT WAS
ESSENTIAL.

3. AS REGARDS THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE NINE WERE IN
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GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. VIEWS BUT THERE WAS ONE POINT NOT IN
THE U.S. PAPER, I.E., POINT 4A OF THE NINE'S PAPER (USNATO 3900)
WHICH THEY
THOUGHT WAS IMPORTANT. THE POINT HERE WAS TO INCLUDE SOMETHING

IN THE DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD DENY TO THE SOVIETS THE CONTENTION THAT THERE IS SOMETHING PARTICULAR TO THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY WHICH PREVAILS OVER INTERNATIONAL RULES. IN SHORT, THE NINE DID NOT WISH TO RECOGNIZE THE DOCTRINE OF LIMITED SOVEREIGNTY IN THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY BUT WANTED TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE THAT DOCTRINE. ON OTHER POINTS IN THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, THE NINE'S POSITIONS ARE ABOUT THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE U.S. PARAS (2) AND (3) OF THE NINE'S PAPER WERE MORE SPECIFIC AND PROVIDED A GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE NINE RECOGNIZED THAT THEY HAD OVERLOOKED THE POINT ABOUT QUADRIpartite RIGHTS, WHICH THE U.S. HAD CITED IN ITS POINT C4, AND THEY AGREED THAT THIS WAS A VALID CONSIDERATION.

4. AS REGARDS BASKET II, THE NINE WERE NOT QUITE SO OPTIMISTIC AS THE U.S. SEEMED TO BE BUT THEY SAW NO NECESSITY TO DISCUSS THE MATTER NOW. ON BASKET III, AS REGARDS POINT J IN THE U.S. PAPER, THE NINE FELT THAT AN IMPORTANT POINT WAS MADE IN THE NEUTRAL PAPER (GENEVA 4435) IN POINT 1B. THIS WAS THE POINT WHICH STATED THAT THE PARTICIPATING STATES WOULD "ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMITMENTS ASSUMED IN THE FINAL DOCUMENTS OF THE CSCE."

5. THE GENERAL VIEW OF THE NINE ON FREER MOVEMENT WAS THAT THE GENEVA DISCUSSIONS SHOULD COVER ALL OF THE WORK IDENTIFIED IN BASKET III. IN PARTICULAR, THE NINE WISHED TO ABIDE BY POINT 4 OF THE NEUTRAL PAPER (GENEVA 4435), WHICH IN EFFECT SAID THAT A SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WOULD BE CONSIDERED PROVISIONAL UNTIL ALL OF THE COMPONENTS OF THE OVERALL AGREEMENT HAD BEEN SETTLED. THE NINE WOULD WANT "A FIRST READING" OF ALL OF THE ITEMS IN BASKET II AND WOULD NOT WISH TO DECIDE NOW WHICH OF THE ITEMS WERE LESS IMPORTANT. PARAS 11 AND 12 OF THE NINE'S PAPER MUST HAVE A HEARING.

6. AS REGARDS CBM'S, THE NINE WOULD WISH TO DISCUSS THIS IN NATO BUT THEY WERE SOMEWHAT WORRIED BY APPARENT U.S. WILLINGNESS TO DROP SOME OF THE CURRENT WESTERN REQUIREMENTS IN THIS FIELD. CONFIDENTIAL

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THE INE WOULD WANT THIS DISCUSSION TO BE TREATED VERY SECRETLY AND DID NOT WANT WORD OF ANY POSSIBLE WESTERN CONCESSION TO GET TO THE SOVIETS.

7. IN CONCLUSION, DE ROSE SAID THAT THE NINE BELIEVED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE ADVISABLE TO INFORM THE SOVIETS OF WHAT THE ALLIES CONSIDERED TO BE THE ESSENTIAL POINTS IN CSCE UNTIL THERE HAD BEEN A COMPLETE FIRST READING OF ALL THE SUBJECTS UNDER DISCUSSION IN GENEVA. THE NINE THOUGHT THAT DURING THE COMING DAYS THERE SHOULD BE AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE U.S. PAPER AND THE PAPER OF THE NINE AND THEN THE DELEGATIONS IN GENEVA COULD WORK ON DETAILS IN LIGHT OF GUIDELINES ESTABLISHED BY THE NAC. WHEN THIS HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, ANY DELEGATION COULD THEN CALL FOR DISCUSSIONS IN BRUSSELS. WHEN THE

CSCE RECONVENES IN SEPTEMBER, THE ALLIES SHOULD CONTINUE WITH A DISCUSSION OF THE FULL RANGE OF THEIR PROPOSALS. THEN THERE COULD BE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS AT WHICH TIME THE ALLIES COULD DECIDE ON WHAT MUST BE OBTAINED TO PRODUCE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE CSCE.

9. DE ROSE SAID THAT HE WOULD BE MAKING THESE SAME POINTS ON BEHALF ON THE NINE IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ON JULY 17.

10. REQUEST GUIDANCE FOR USE AT JULY 17 MEETING OF THE NAC.
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